

SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 2

Agenda

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3480 Department of Conservation

1. Williamson Act

Action.

- Approved trailer bill language that amends Government Code §51283 to increase by \$500,000 the amount of Williamson Act penalties the department can keep to fully fund the expanded Williamson Act program.
- Approved \$896,000 from the Soil Conservation Fund to fund the Governor's budget proposal.

Vote. 2-1 (Dutton)

2. California Farmland Conservancy Program

Action. Approved budget proposal to allocated \$8.9 million in Proposition 40 bond funds to this program.

Vote. 2-0 (Lowenthal absent)

3. Beverage Container Recycling Program

Action.

- Approved the budget proposal to augment enforcement resources.
- Approved the Finance Letter proposal to fund the integrated information technology project.
- Approved the supplemental report language recommended by the LAO.

Vote. 3-0

- Request that staff, the department, the LAO, and DOF work on a one-time project to increase grants to the California Conservation Corps and local conservation corps to increase recycling activities.

4. Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources

Action.

- Approved the budget and Finance Letter proposals.

Vote. 3-0

- Approved an augmentation of \$177,000 to fund two additional inspectors for Kern County from the Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Administrative Fund.

Vote. 2-1 (Dutton)

5. Surface Mining and Reclamation Act

Action.

- Approved the budget proposal.

Vote. 3-0

- Requested staff, the department, LAO and DOF to evaluate options for augmenting the department's remediation of abandoned mines that pose a health and safety risk to Californians.

6. Other Budget Proposals

Action. Approved the following other budget proposals:

- Information Technology Upgrades and added budget bill language that \$537,000 from this item is for a three-year limited term and expires in 2008-09.
- Geologic and Seismic Hazard Review for School Construction.

Vote. 3-0

3460 Colorado River Board

1. Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program—Informational Issue

Action. No Action taken on this informational issue.

2. Technical Positions

Action. Approved budget proposal.

Vote. 3-0

3940 State Water Resources Control Board

Action. No action was taken on any of the SWRCB issues pending additional information about a recent decision related to the Santa Susana site owned by Boeing.

1. Water Rights Program

Staff Recommendation. Staff recommends the Subcommittee take the following actions:

- Approve \$669,000 and six new positions to process water rights permit applications.
- Approve a \$2.9 million loan for information technology upgrades.
- Request that staff, DOF, the LAO, and the board evaluate options for adding additional funding to research and correct errors in the water rights permit database.

2. Bond-Funded Grant Programs

Staff Recommendation. Staff recommends that the Subcommittee adopt the board's non-CALFED bond proposals.

3. Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund Program

Staff Recommendation. Staff recommends that the Subcommittee adopt the Governor's proposal to shift eight positions from the bond program to the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund program.

3. Irrigated Agricultural Waivers Program

Staff Recommendation. Staff recommends that the Subcommittee request staff to develop a trailer bill in consultation with DOF, LAO, and the board that would improve compliance rates in the Irrigated Agricultural Waivers Program.

4. Other Budget Proposals

Staff Recommendation. Staff recommends that the Subcommittee approve these budget proposals.

3860 Department of Water Resources

1. State of Emergency

Action.

- Requested that the DWR prepare monthly reports to the Legislature on the amount of funding expended, to date, under the State of Emergency.
- Adopted supplemental report language that requests DWR to report to the Legislature by February 1, 2007, on the status of completing the 29 erosion repairs, including an accounting of state funds expended, federal funds received and projected to be received for work completed, local funds received and projected to be received for work completed, and additional appropriations needed to complete the repairs.

Vote. 3-0

2. State Flood Management Activities

Action. Approved the following budget proposals for state flood management activities:

- Flood Project Maintenance (\$13.3 million).
- System Reevaluation and Rehabilitation (\$2.1 million).
- Emergency Response (\$2.3 million).
- Floodplain Management (\$3 million).

Vote. 3-0

3. Central Valley Flood Control Projects – Capital Outlay

Action.

- Approved the budget proposal to fund flood capital outlay projects.
- Approved the Finance Letter to reappropriate flood capital outlay projects.

Vote. 3-0

4. *Paterno* Lawsuit Settlement—Informational Item

Action. No action was taken on this informational item.

5. State Reclamation Board

Action. Deleted funding for the State Reclamation Board.

Vote. 2-1 (Dutton)

4. Yuba Feather Flood Protection Program

Action. Held this issue open and requested that the department provide additional information on how priorities are set, and funding decisions made, in the Yuba Feather Protection Program.

8. Local Flood Control Subventions

Action.

- Requested that staff, the LAO, DOF and the department evaluate options for providing a \$10 million loan to Napa County in the budget year to continue development of the Napa River flood project.
- Requested staff, the LAO, DOF and the department to evaluate options for adding additional positions to the Local Flood Control Subventions Program so that the department can implement current law.

6. Other Bond Programs

Action. Approved the following other bond proposals:

- Flood Management – Prop 13.
- Urban Stream Restoration Program – Prop 13.

Vote. 3-0

9. All-American Canal Lining

Action. Held this issue open.

CALFED Program

1. CALFED 10-Year Action Plan—Informational Item

Action. No action taken on this informational item.

2. CALFED Governance and Program and Fiscal Management

Action.

- Requested staff, the LAO, DOF, and the Secretary for Resources inventory programs that are currently managed by the Secretary for Resources and other cabinet secretaries. (Bay-Delta Authority have already provided this information.)
- Requested the Secretary for Resources to submit a complete proposal, including necessary legislation, to implement the governance proposal contained in the Governor's 10-year action plan for the CALFED program.

2. 100-Year Delta Vision

Action. Requested additional information from the administration on the following:

- Additional details on the Delta Vision process, including how other reports will have input into this process and how the panel will be selected to guide the process.
- Additional information on how different departments will have input into the Delta Vision process, including the Delta Protection Commission.

3. Delta Levees Program

Action.

- Requested that DWR provide additional information on the source of funding for the Delta Flood Protection Fund and the amount of local matching funds expected in the budget year.
- Requested that DWR provide more detailed information on the current agricultural leases on Sherman and Twitchell Islands, including information on when they expire and the revenues that they generate.

4. Conservation Plan Development

Action.

- Requested DWR and DFG to develop a timeline of actions that need to occur before a conservation plan can be developed.

5. South Delta Improvements Program

Action.

- Requested DWR to provide additional information on all of the benefits and beneficiaries of constructing the permanent operable barriers.

3840 Delta Protection Commission

1. Budget Adjustment

Action. Approved this budget proposal.

Vote. 3-0